



Welcome to the September edition of the [Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club](#) Newsletter! We'll try to keep you up-to-date with what's happening this month and any future events we're planning or are aware of. This newsletter is automatically distributed to club members, prospective future students who have reached out to us in the last year, and other interested amateur operators in the region. If you do not wish to receive these monthly newsletters, let us know and we can remove you from our distribution list. Alternatively, if you are not included on the mailing list, but would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please reach out to our secretary.

#### **September Club Meeting - Tuesday night September 3rd, Stratford Town Center**

We hope you've all had a good summer and are enjoying the long Labour Day weekend. Our next monthly meeting is coming up on Tuesday, September 3rd, at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you're a licensed radio operator and would like to become a member, or you're perhaps interested in becoming licensed and would like to find out more about us and the hobby, then please come and join us. We would love to meet you. For anyone who would like to become a member, membership dues are \$30 for 2024 for those who are not currently members of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC). For RAC members, it's \$20 for the year. Our students and graduates from the fall 2023 and spring 2024 classes are automatically members of the club. Our meetings run from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (1900-2100) in the Southport room at the Stratford Town Center on Shakespeare Drive. Alongside monthly club reports we usually enjoy an information exchange. Over the last year, we've learned about a broad range of topics such as alternate power options for radio operations, 3D printing, SDRs, HF antennas in the field, Parks on the Air Activations, contesting, and how to save on custom fees.

#### **Fall 2024 Class - Sept 5 until early November, Canadian Red Cross, Charlottetown**






We are pleased to announce the start of another basic licensing course this fall. Night One of CARC's new Basic Amateur Radio Class - Registration and Introduction - will take place this coming Thursday, September 5th at 7:00 P.M. Classes will continue Mondays and Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 P.M., into early November at the Canadian Red Cross, 29 Paramount Drive, Charlottetown. If you would like to join, it's not too late to register. Please reach out to Brent VY2HF or email us at the address below. For more information, please check out our website: [In Person Courses - Fall 2024](#).

### **Advanced Study Sessions**

We now have several club members who have expressed interest in studying for their Advanced exam. The group will set its own schedule, and likely will meet regularly a few times per month. We are looking for a location, but for the time being we expect the group could meet at the Charlottetown Public Library on Queen Street. If we have to rent a room the cost will be minimal, in the area of \$3 to \$5 per person per session, depending on attendance. If you would like to join the study group please contact Bill VY2WM or Brent VY2HF, and indicate whether you would also like a study guide (\$65).

### **International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend (ILLW) - Recap**

The ILLW that took place August 17 and 18 was a great success for PEI with eight VY2 activators. Congratulations to each of you for an outstanding job!

- St. Peters Harbour Lighthouse - Activator Darrell (VY2OM)
- Brighton Beach Front Range Lighthouse  13 QSOs - Activator Tracey (VY2TAZ)
- Covehead Harbour Lighthouse  19 QSOs - Activator Ricardo (VY2AN)
- Panmure Head Lighthouse  29 QSOs - Activator Mike (VY2MG)
- Cape Bear Lighthouse  90 QSOs - Activator Bill (VY2WM)
- Point Prim Lighthouse - Activator George (VY2PLH)
- Cape Tryon Lighthouse - Activator Doug (VY2DS)
- Seacow Head Lighthouse  52 QSOs - Activator Aaron (VY2EK)

### **CY9C DXPedition to At. Paul Island**

CY9C is active on St. Paul (Nova Scotia) for the next few days and are working all bands and all modes. Some Club members have already made contact with them. St. Paul is considered a distinct "country" for those chasing DXCC.

### **Moncton AARC Flea Market - September 21, Riverview Lions Club, 701 Coverdale Rd**

Open 0800 for sellers, 0900 for buyers. Admission is \$5, tables for \$10. To reserve a table contact [maarcmailbox@gmail.com](mailto:maarcmailbox@gmail.com). Raffle and door prizes, as well as [HC MacFarlane](#) (commercial dealer) will be attending.

### **"Canadian Straight Key Month" - September 1-30**

Operators are encouraged to volunteer to operate as VC3Y by getting on the activation schedule. There is more information at the [Straight Key Century Club](#) website.

### **Noteworthy Contests**

ARRL September VHF Contest, 1800Z, Sep 14 to 0300Z, Sep 16

ARRL EME Contest, 2.3 GHz and Up: 0000Z, Sep 21 to 2359Z, Sep 22, 2024

CQWW RTTY DX Contest, 0000Z, Sep 28 to 2400Z, Sep 29, 2024

### **Meetings and Events Calendar - September**

2: 2M Simplex net, at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Joel, VY2KW

3: Monthly club meeting

4, 11, 18, 25: Wednesday night 2M net at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

5: Night One of CARC's new Basic Amateur Radio Class, Registration and Introduction. Classes will continue Mondays and Thursdays, 7-9PM, into early November at the Canadian Red Cross, 29 Paramount Drive, Charlottetown

5, 12, 19, 26: Thursday night HF nets, on 3727 LSB (+/- QRM) at 8:00 P.M. (2000)

7, 14, 21, 28: Virtual Breakfast 2M nets, 8:00 A.M. (800) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

1-30 September: "Canadian Straight Key Month" with special call sign VC3Y.

### **Future Events**

11-12 October: [NEAR Fest Fall Event](#)

Help Us Out!

Do you have something you would like to contribute to this newsletter? Drop us an email at [secretary@charlottetownarc.com](mailto:secretary@charlottetownarc.com).